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SENATOR BAKER: Correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And so I want to know exactly how many plants are under this 15 million gallon threshold, so we know exactly which ones and how many of them we are saying, we're not going to "incent" you to expand.

SENATOR BAKER: There again, I...falling back on my memory, I believe there's one that's up and producing...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and I...

SENATOR BAKER: ...(inaudible) plant.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...and we're checking on that now to see how many there are. And again, just because Husker Ag in Plainview is permitted for 25 million gallons a year, that does not mean they're producing 25 million gallons a year.

SENATOR BAKER: No. And they did not qualify for LB 775 anyway, due to their business structure.

SENATOR BOURNE: But they could if they...I understand what you're saying about the business structure. But there's nothing that would prevent an entity from changing their business structure, then doing an expansion at a later date. And again, this amendment would disqualify them from being "incented" to expand.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. That's my concern. And again, you know, I thought this was a good idea. And I appreciate your efforts. And I feel kind of guilty almost, because I had indicated to you that I think this was the right approach. But again, those four plants that are built, or were built, or will be in production by June 30 of this year, were built by, you know, 80 percent non-Nebraska individuals. And that's water under the bridge.